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Appeal No. 113/2023/SCIC

Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye,
H.No. 35/A, Ward No. 11,
Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa 403507.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
The Secretary,
Village Panchayat Anjuna-Caisua,
Anjuna, Bardez-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
Block Development Officer-I,
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

.....Respondent

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 31/03/2023

Decided on: 20/12/2023

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye, r/o. H.No. 35/A, Ward No. 11, Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa, vide his application dated 07/11/2022, filed under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter to be referred as 'Act'), sought following information from the Public Information Officer (PIO), the Secretary, Village Panchayat Anjuna-Caisua, Bardez-Goa:-

1) Furnish complete and detailed information with regards to the allotment of illegal House tax numbers U/S 153(1a) of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act 1994 on the unauthorised structures by your Village Panchayat to various applicants/ persons requesting the Sarpanch/ the Secretary of your Village Panchayat by submitting their written application since the period Jan 2021 till date by furnishing to me their index list of names and addresses and the details of their illegal houses/ structures, Bungalows and tenements constructed in their own private properties and in the properties belonging to Comunidades and the Government of Goa properties.

2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 20/12/2022 in the following manner:-

"With reference to your RTI application under inward No. 4556 dated 11/11/2022 on the above cited subject, this is to inform you that as per information sought by you under RTI Act, you may inspect the required information in this V.P. Office during any workings days during office hours."

3. Being aggrieved and not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Block Development Officer-I, Mapusa-Goa on 26/12/2022, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
4. The FAA, vide its order dated 08/02/2023, disposed the first appeal without granting any relief to the Appellant.
5. Aggrieved and dissatisfied with the order of the FAA, the Appellant preferred this second appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the Act, with the prayer to set aside the order of the FAA and to direct the PIO to furnish the information.
6. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which, the Appellant appeared in person on 09/05/2023. The PIO, Shri. Dharmendra Govekar appeared and filed his reply on 27/09/2023 and submitted that information sought by the Appellant is voluminous in nature and therefore he offered inspection of the record to drain the information. In response to the above facts, the Appellant submitted that he is curtailing his demands and insisted only for the names and survey numbers of unauthorised structure to whom house tax number has been allotted by the Village Panchayat Anjuna-Caisua. The Commission, therefore, directed the PIO to furnish the above information on

next date of hearing and matter was posted for compliance on 02/11/2023.

7. In the course of hearing on 02/11/2023, the representative of the PIO, Shri. Vithu Govekar appeared and placed on record the additional reply of the PIO alongwith bunch of documents.
8. During the course of hearing on 06/12/2023, the Appellant collected the copy of bunch of documents supplied by the PIO and sought time to scrutinise the documents and matter was posted for clarification / order on 20/12/2023.
9. Record reveals that, after collecting the information on 06/12/2023, the Appellant remained absent on 20/12/2023 or disputed the content of the information provided by the PIO. I, therefore, presume and hold that the Appellant is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO. Accordingly, the matter is disposed off.
 - Proceeding closed.
 - Pronounced in the open court.
 - Notify the parties.

Sd/-
(Vishwas R. Satarkar)
State Chief Information Commissioner